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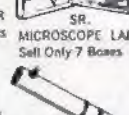
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VIOLENCE
MAY WELL BE
THE LAST REFUGE
OF THE INCOM-
PETENT, SON...

WHAA--?



BUT, IF CYCLOPS
HAS SUSTAINED
INJURIES...

EVEN THE MILD-MANNERED
BEAST MAY BE FORCED
INTO PHYSICAL
RETALIATION!

UNHH!

BE NOT
DISMAYED,
O PHARAOH!

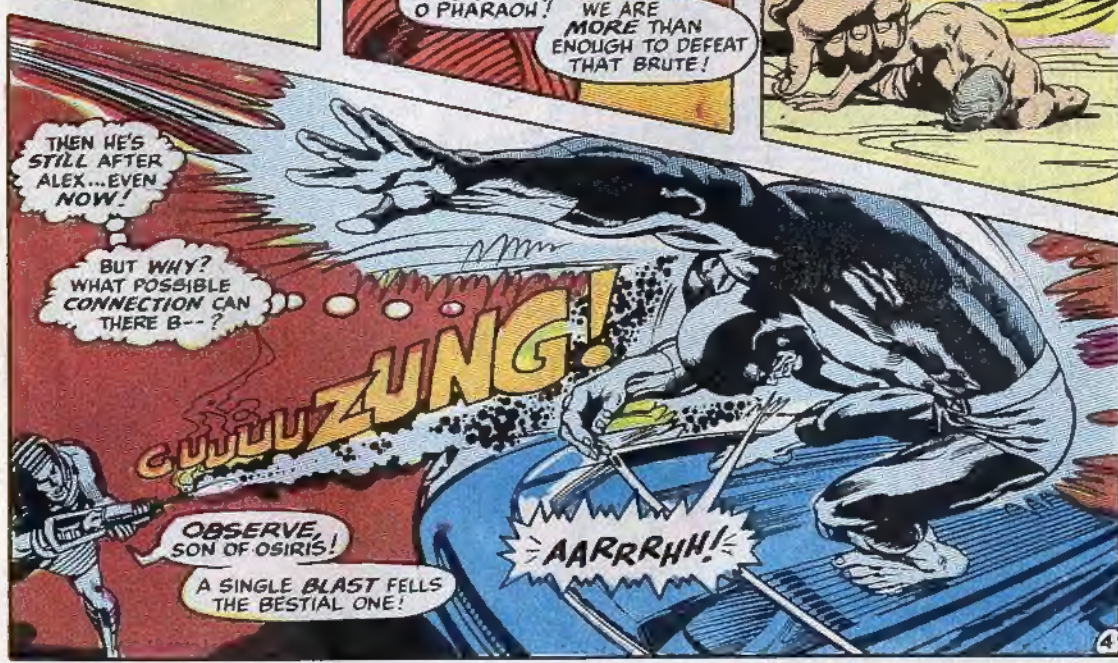
WE ARE
MORE THAN
ENOUGH TO DEFEAT
THAT BRUTE!



YOU
DESERT
SWINE!

DO NOT WASTE
YOUR TIME
BATTLING THE
MASKED ONES!

ONLY ALEX
SUMMERS
CONCERNS THE
LIVING
PHARAOH!



THEN HE'S
STILL AFTER
ALEX...EVEN
NOW!

BUT WHY?
WHAT POSSIBLE
CONNECTION CAN
THERE B--?

OBSERVE,
SON OF OSIRIS!

A SINGLE BLAST FELS
THE BESTIAL ONE!

AARRRH!



HURRY, DOGS!

LET NOT OUR DEPARTURE
BE AS SLOW AS YOUR
RESCUE!..

WE MUST GO--
BEFORE THE
UNBELIEVERS
AWAKEN!

IF THAT'S...
WHAT YOU'RE
HOPIN' FOR...

YOU JUST
BUSTED
OUT!

'CAUSE ALL
YOUR POWERS
WENT UP IN
SMOKE WITH
YOUR CRUMMY
SCEPTRE--

AND HERE'S
WHERE THE
ICEMAN
MAKES YOU
HOLLER
ANKLE!

HAH! YOU THINK
I AM YET
POWERLESS, EH?

THEN, EXPLAIN THIS
TO YOUR MUTANT
FRIENDS, STRIPLING!

YEEESH!
HE ZAPPED
MY ICY
BATTERING-RAM...

LIKE SO
MUCH
COTTON
CANDY!

IT'S NOT...
YOUR FAULT...
HE'S GETTING
AWAY, BOBBY!

THIS WAS
THE ANGEL'S
PRIZE
FOUL-UP!

SHOULD'VE SPOTTED
THOSE JOKERS
...STEAD OF PLAYING
GLORY-HOG!

BUT, I'LL...
MAKE UP
FOR IT....!



LOOK, GREAT PHARAOH!

THE WINGED ONE FOLLOWS US, EVEN AS WE GAIN ALTITUDE!

UH OH! ONE OF THE GURU'S GOON-BOYS HAS SPOTTED ME!

AND, I'M STILL GROGGY AS A GASSED GOSLING!

WHICH MEANS, I'LL BE A SITTING DUCK IF THEY--

FIRE CONCUSSION MISSILES!!
WHUP!
WHUP!
WHUP!

WHILE, IN THE DEEPENING SHADOWS BELOW--

JEAN!
JEAN!!

MY SON...THE SUPER-HERO!

THEY KNOCKED ME RIGHT OUTTA THE SKY...AND THE BALL GAME!

SHE TOOK THE FULL BRUNT OF THE FIRST BLAST!

BE LUCKY... IF I CAN SAVE ...MY OWN FEATHERED FERN....

IF SHE'S HURT, THEY'LL PAY--THEY'LL PAY--!



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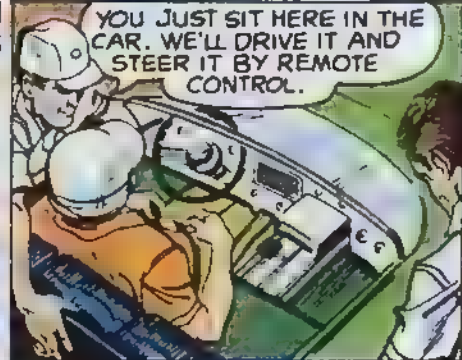
THE JUDGES SAY WE CAN'T RACE OUR RADIO-CONTROLLED CAR WITH-
OUT A DRIVER. NO TIME TO FIND A DRIVER. THE RACE STARTS IN 3 MINUTES.



HOW ABOUT ONE OF THESE BOYS? YEAH THE OLDEST ONE THE FELLOW WEARING THE LEES.



ME? SURE, I'LL DO IT.



YOU JUST SIT HERE IN THE CAR. WE'LL DRIVE IT AND STEER IT BY REMOTE CONTROL.

ON THE 10TH LAP - TROUBLE!!

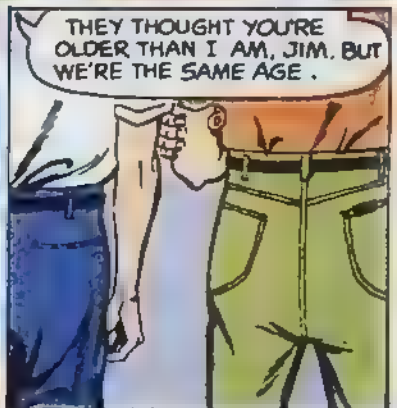
JIM, JIM, WE'RE LOSING CONTROL. YOU'LL HAVE TO REALLY DRIVE!



I'VE NEVER DRIVEN A REAL CAR. BUT I KNOW A FEW TRICKS FROM MY MODEL CAR RACING.



THE WINNER! JIM DRISCOLL



THEY THOUGHT YOU'RE OLDER THAN I AM, JIM, BUT WE'RE THE SAME AGE.



YOU STILL WEAR KID CLOTHES, BOB

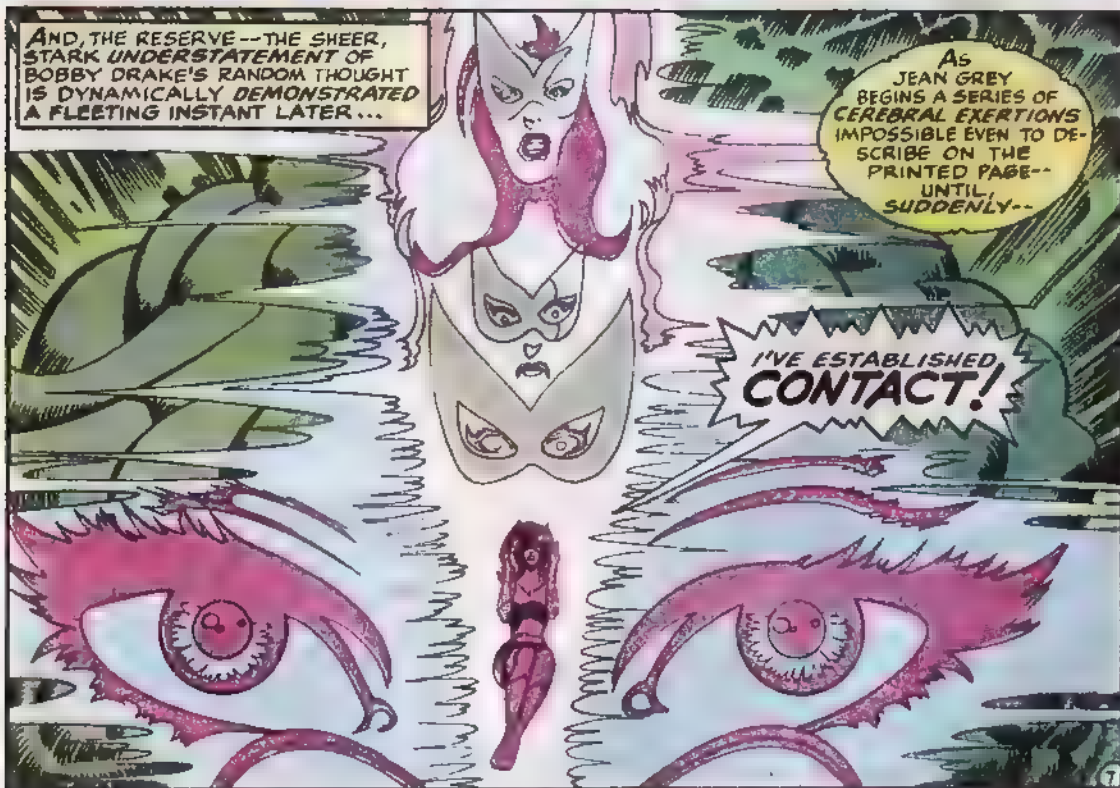
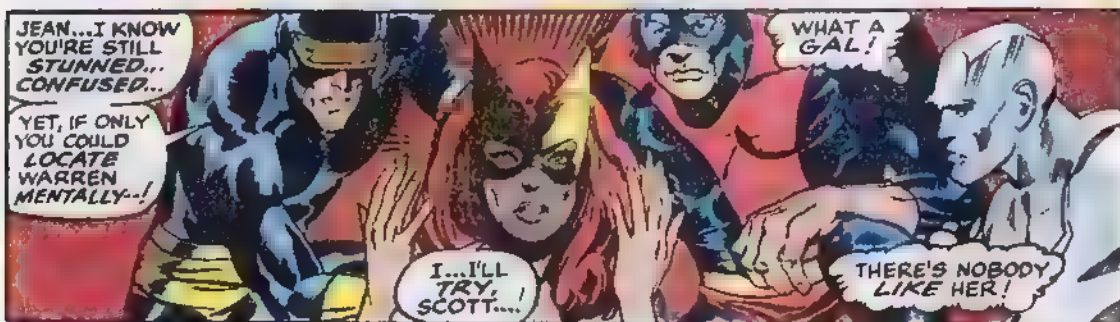
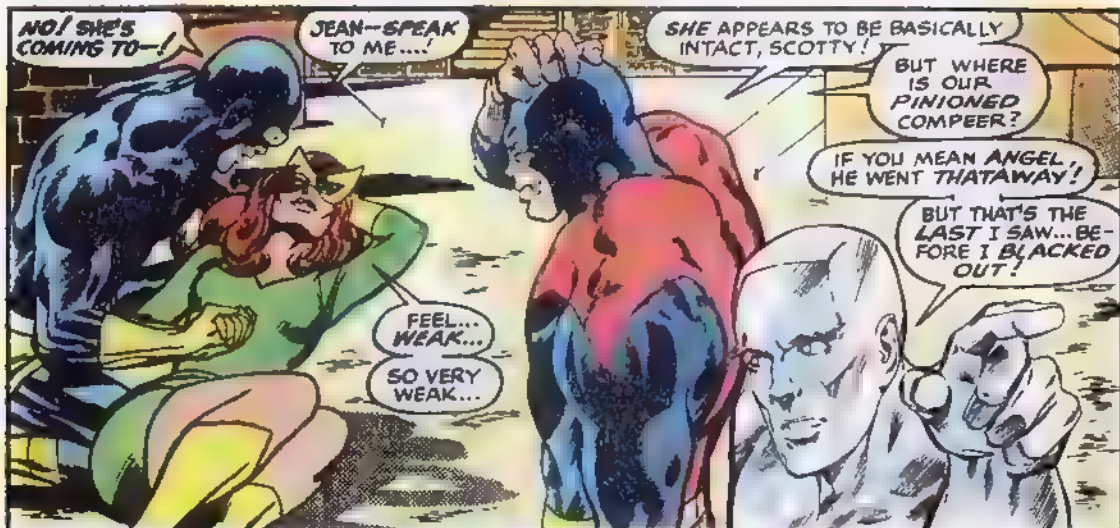
I'M WEARING LEE LEENS LIKE THE HIGH SCHOOL GUYS.

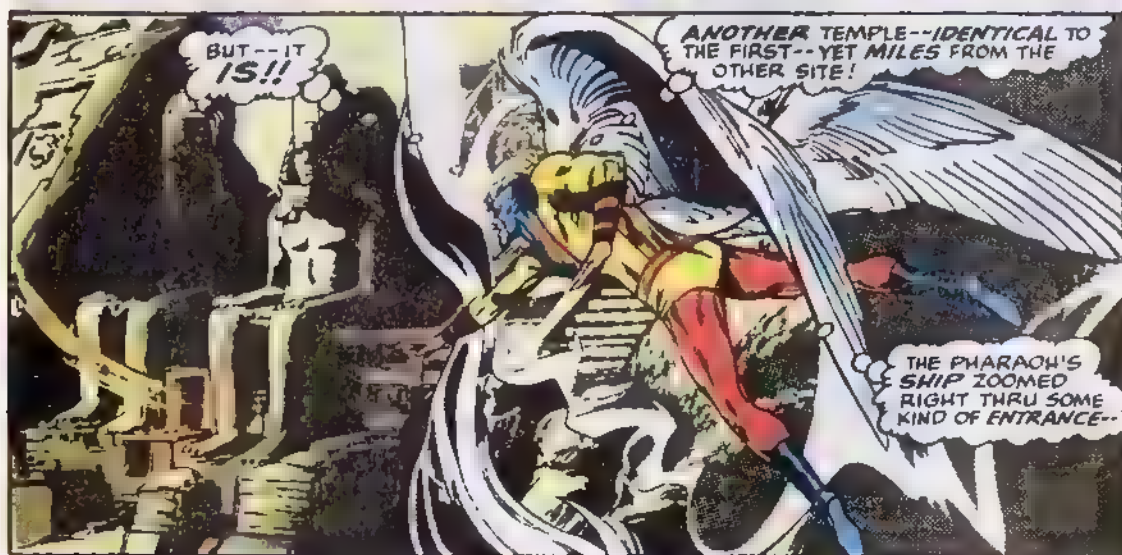
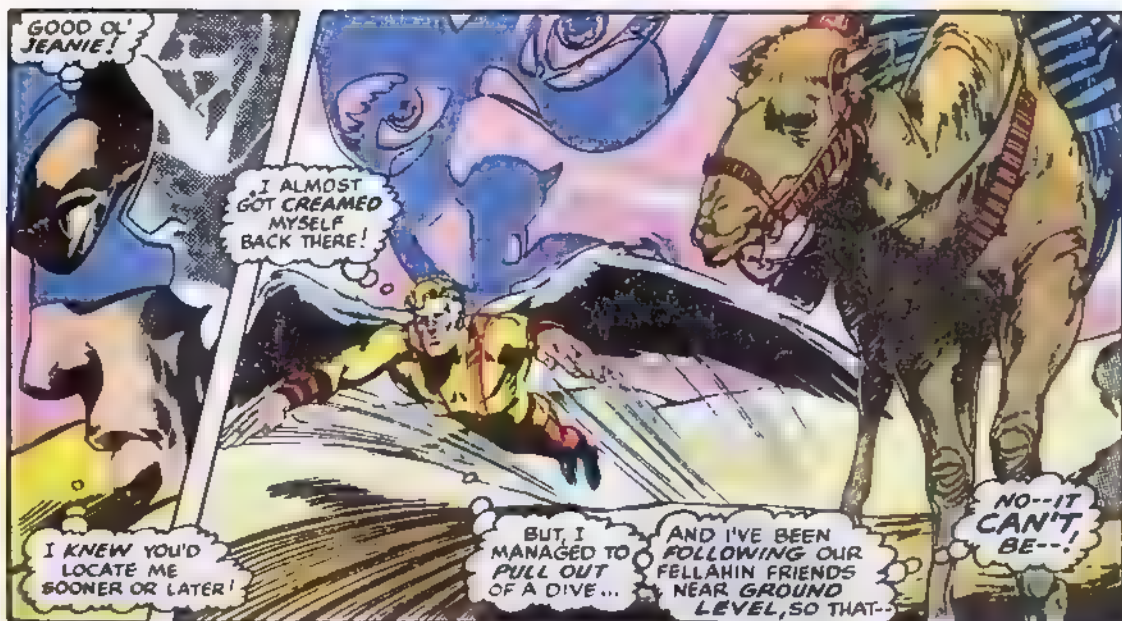
BOYS! ARE YOU OLD ENOUGH TO WEAR LEES? HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR HIGH GUYS WEAR LEE LEENS - HOW ABOUT YOU? IT'S TIME TO GET OUT OF KIDDY CLOTHES AND GET INTO LEE LEENS. THEY'RE TOUGH! THEY'RE TIGHT!

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YOU GAZE UP
IN SULLEN SILENCE,
ALEX SUMMERS!

IT IS
GOOD!

AND NOW
FITTING
THAT YOU
SHOULD MEET
YOUR RIGHTFUL
END HERE--

AMIDST THE RE-
DISCOVERED GLORY
OF THE KINGS--
WHO WERE--
AND THOSE WHO
YET SHALL BE!

BUT, I SPEAK
OF THINGS
WHICH CONCERN
YOU NOT!

FOR I
DEFEED YOU
SHOULD LEARN
OF THE POWER
--IN THE HOUR
YOU
PERISH!

AND THAT
MOMENT
DRAWS EVER
NEARER!

THE SAME
MUTANT INSTINCT
WHICH LED ME
TO YOU--

I WAS AN
ARCHAEOLOGIST..
BUT I AM ALSO
A **MUTANT!**

YET YOU AND
I ARE BOTH DIFF-
FERENT FROM THE
MASKED ONES..FOR
OUR DESTINIES ARE
INEXTRICABLY
LINKED!

CAN YOU NOT
FEEL THEM
INFIDEL--

THE CELESTIAL
CHAINS WHICH
BIND OUR TWO
FATES AS ONE?

--TELLS ME
THAT IT IS
COSMIC RAYS
WHICH GIVE
US EACH
THE **POWER!**

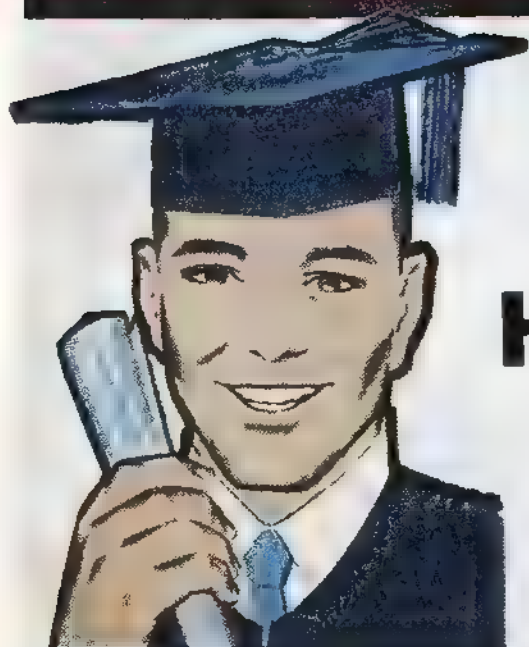
AS YOURS
BEGAN TO
AWAKEN
..MINE DID
WANE!

YOU ARE
THE SOLE
THREAT
TO MY
SUPREMACY!

AND
SO--

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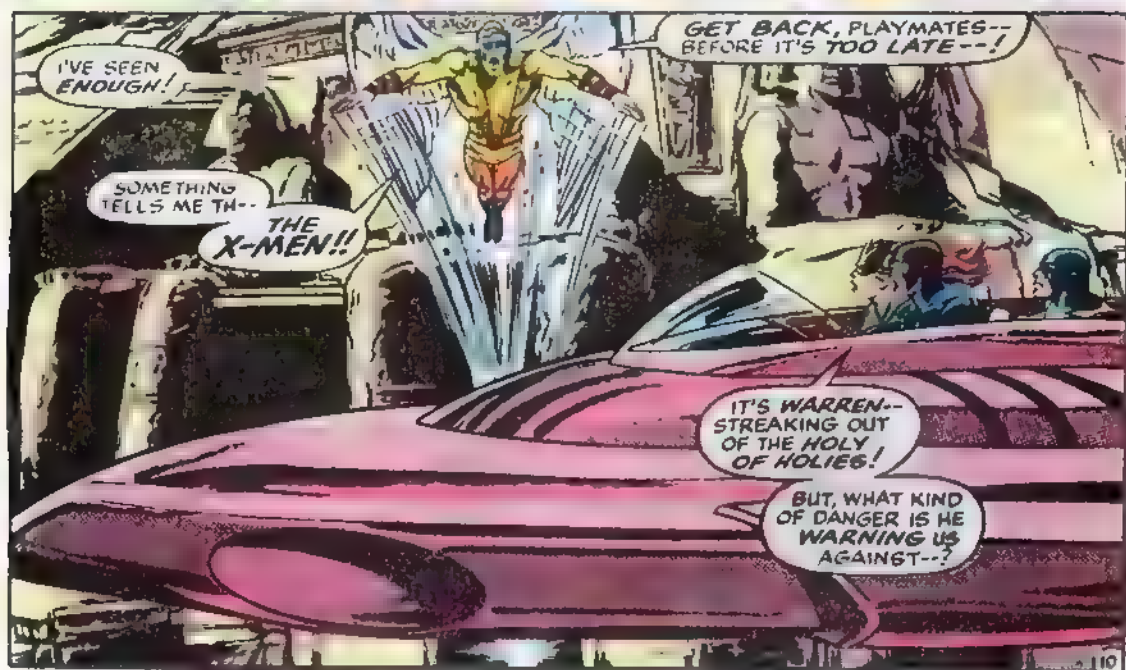
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AND THEN--BURSTING THRU EARTH
AND MASSIVE STONE--AS THOUGH
SHREDDING THE FABRIC OF TIME ITSELF--

GRABBED ME
--BEFORE I
COULD VEER
AWAY!

CRUSHING ME--
LIKE A--HELPLESS
CANARY--!

THE
PHARAOH
--HE'S
BECOME A
GIANT!

YES--I WAS
INDEED--HE
WHO WAS
CALLED--
THE
PHARAOH!

BUT NOW--
I AM MORE
--MUCH
MORE!

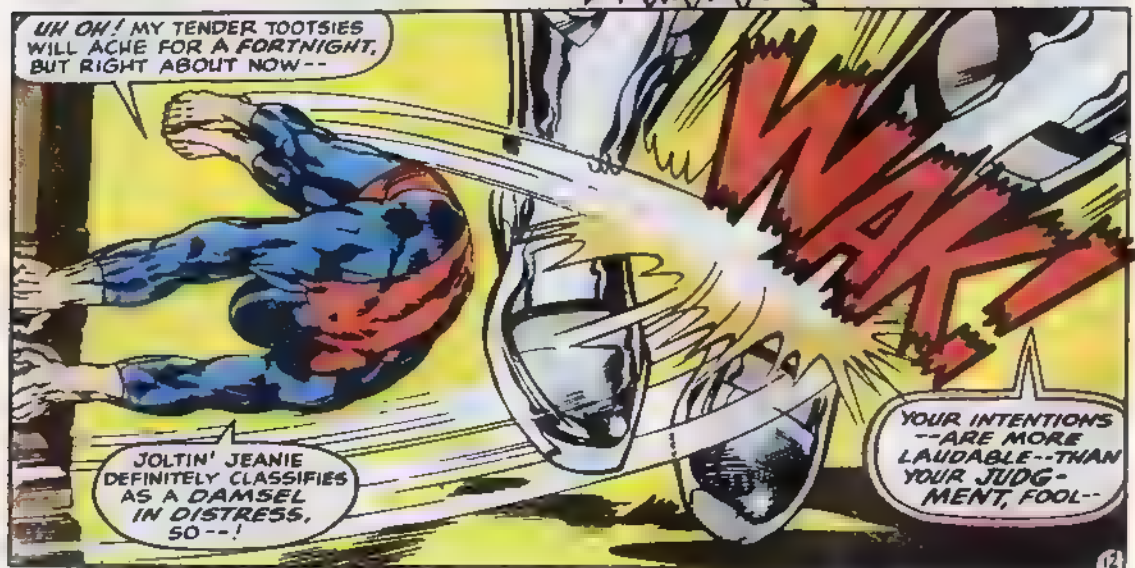
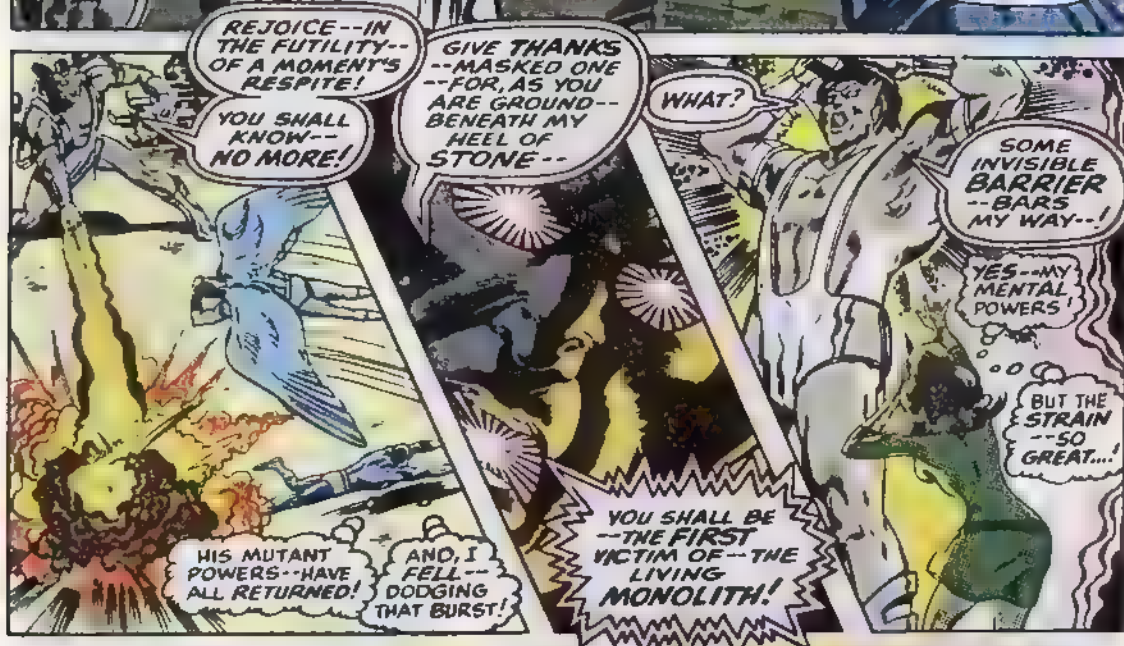
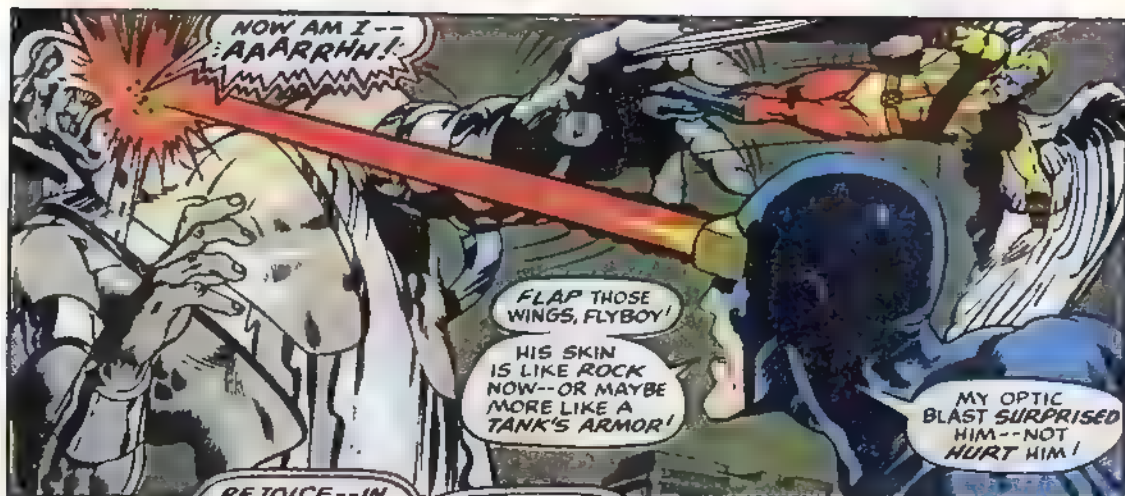
NOW I AM
HE--WHO SHALL
RESTORE--
THE GLORY
THAT WAS!

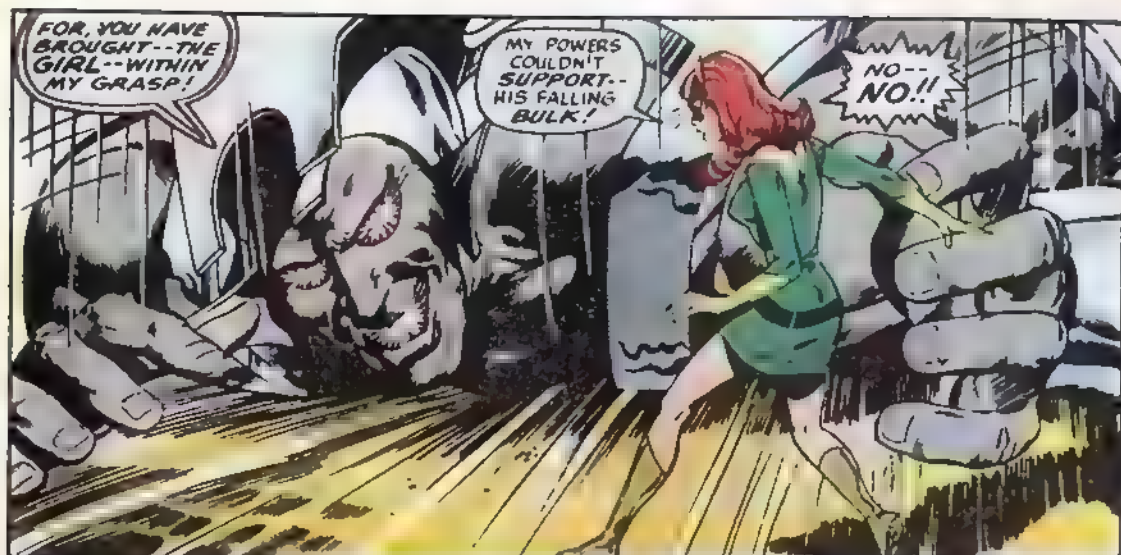
NOW--AM
I--THE
LIVING
MONOLITH!

THOOM

GOOD
LORD!

FLY HIGHER,
MAN--
HIGHER!!

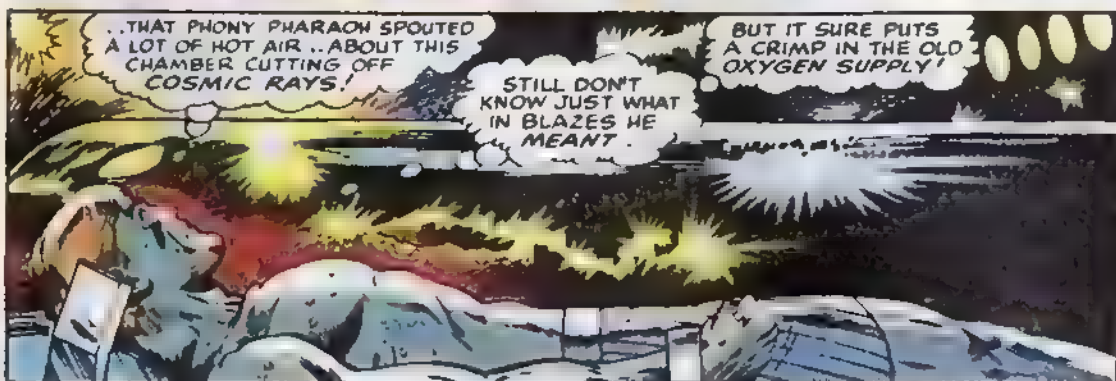




FOR, YOU HAVE
BROUGHT--THE
GIRL--WITHIN
MY GRASP!

MY POWERS
COULDN'T
SUPPORT--
HIS FALLING
BULK!

NO--
NO!!



...THAT PHONY PHAROAH SPOUTED
A LOT OF HOT AIR ..ABOUT THIS
CHAMBER CUTTING OFF
COSMIC RAYS!

BUT IT SURE PUTS
A CRIMP IN THE OLD
OXYGEN SUPPLY!

STILL DON'T
KNOW JUST WHAT
IN BLAZES HE
MEANT.



IN FACT, ANOTHER
FEW BREATHS...

...AND IT
MIGHT GET
DOWNRIGHT
UNPLEASANT
IN THIS FISH-
BOWL!

AND
YET...

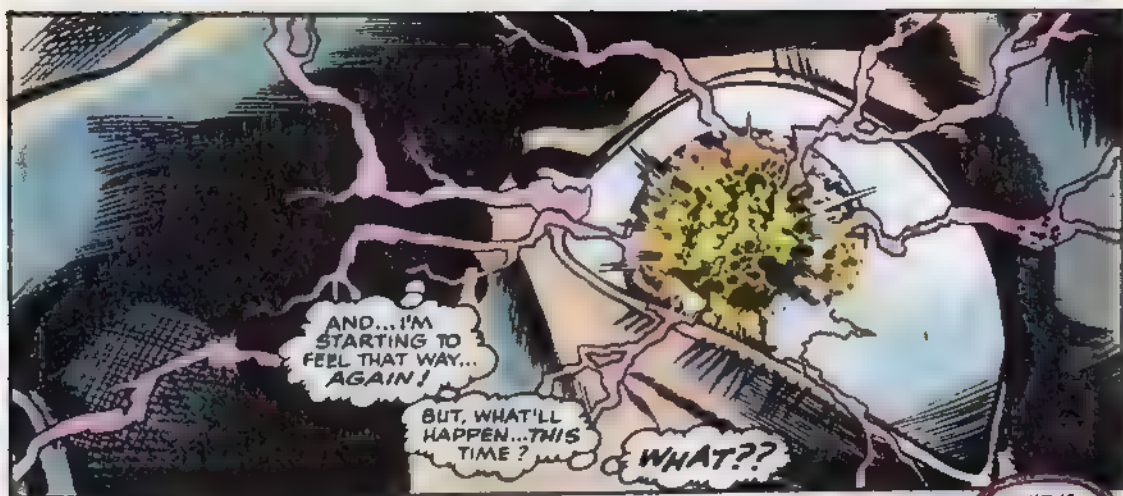
WHAT IF WE
REALLY DO
SHARE SOME
KIND OF
POWER?

A POWER I
SOAK UP...JUST
BY STANDING
AROUND?

SOMETHING
SURE ZAPPED
THE PHAROAH...
A FEW HOURS
AGO!

WHAT IF...
SOME OF THAT
SOMETHING...
REMAINS?

IT CAME
OUT BEFORE...
IN A MOMENT
OF STRESS...



AND...I'M
STARTING TO
FEEL THAT WAY...
AGAIN!

BUT, WHAT'LL
HAPPEN...THIS
TIME?

WHAT??

WHAT IS
HAPPENING--
TO ME...?



...FOOLS--TO PIT
YOUR PUNY MIGHT
--AGAINST THE
SECRETS OF
THE AGES!

AGAINST HIM
WHO IS HEIR
TO RAMESES--

WHO IS
HIMSELF
HORUS AND
OSIRIS--

MY
FAULT HE'S
GOT JEAN!

GOT TO--

NO, HANK!

LOOK!



--WHO SHALL
RESTORE THE
DYNASTIES
--WHO...

HIS VOICE...
HIS GRIP...

BOTH
ARE
GETTING
WEAKER!

BUT WHY...
WHEN HE WAS
ON THE VERGE
OF VICTORY?

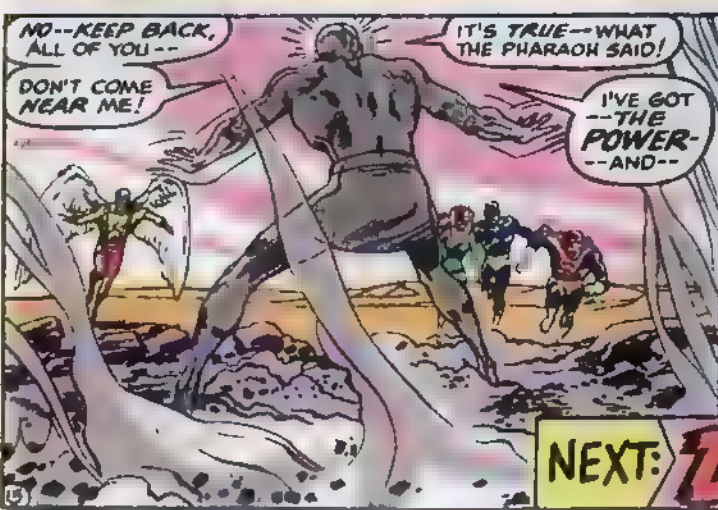
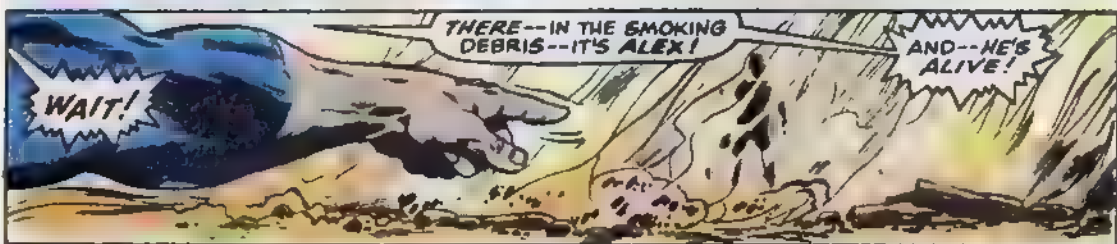
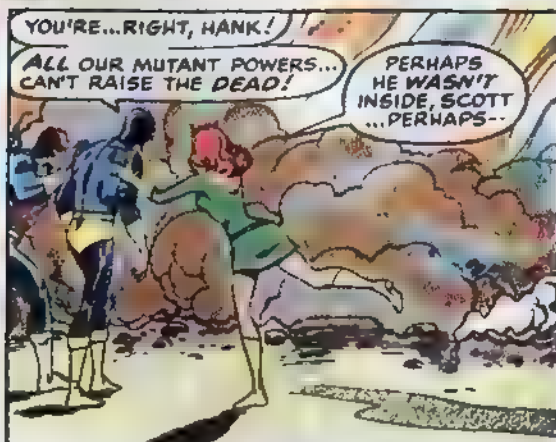


GOT
YOU,
LADY!

BUT, THE
MONOLITH
--IS GETTING
SMALLER!

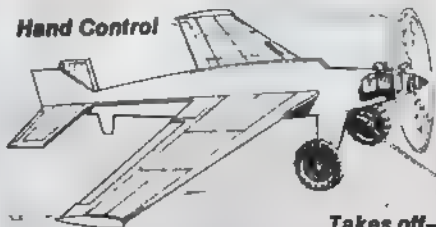
AND BEHIND
HIM--THE
TEMPLE--

IT'S SHAKING--
STARTING TO
CRUMBLE--!



NEXT: **DISASTER!**

Hand Control

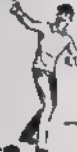


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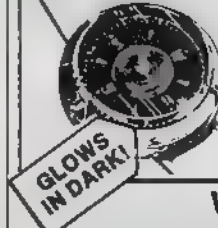
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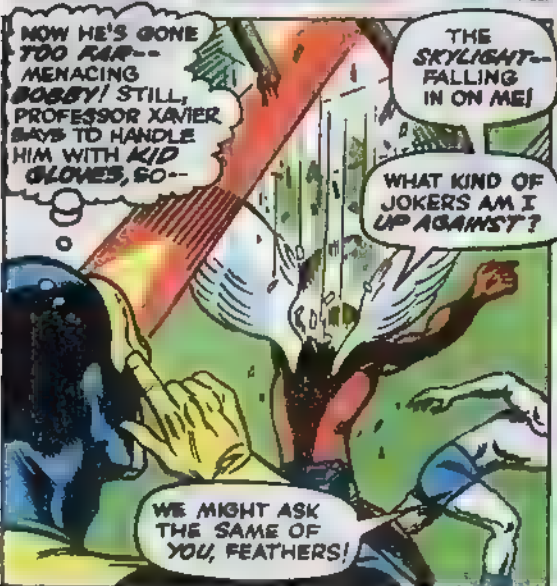
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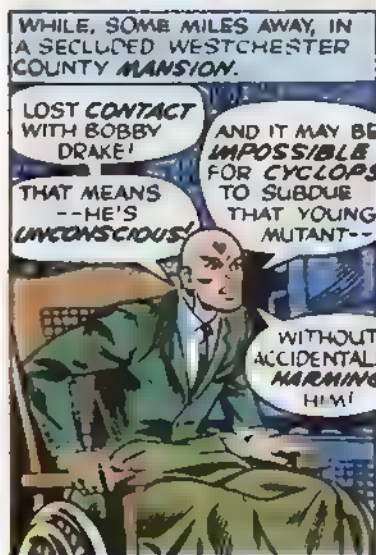
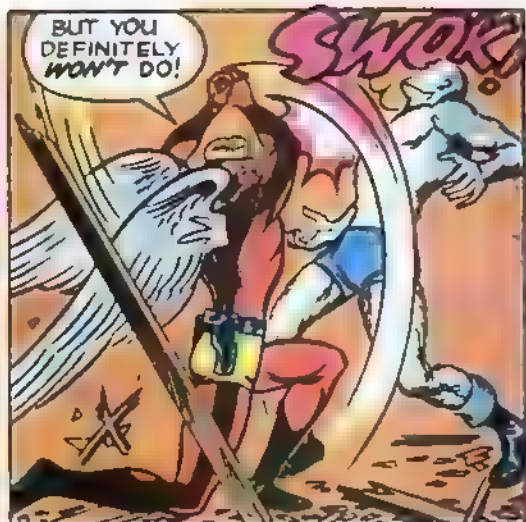
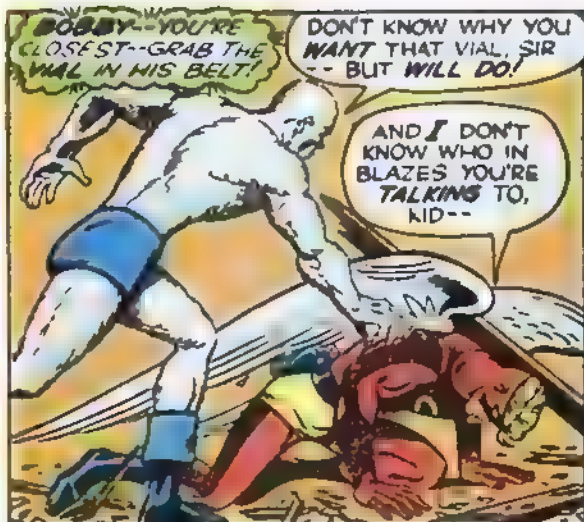
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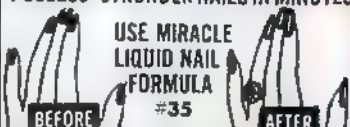
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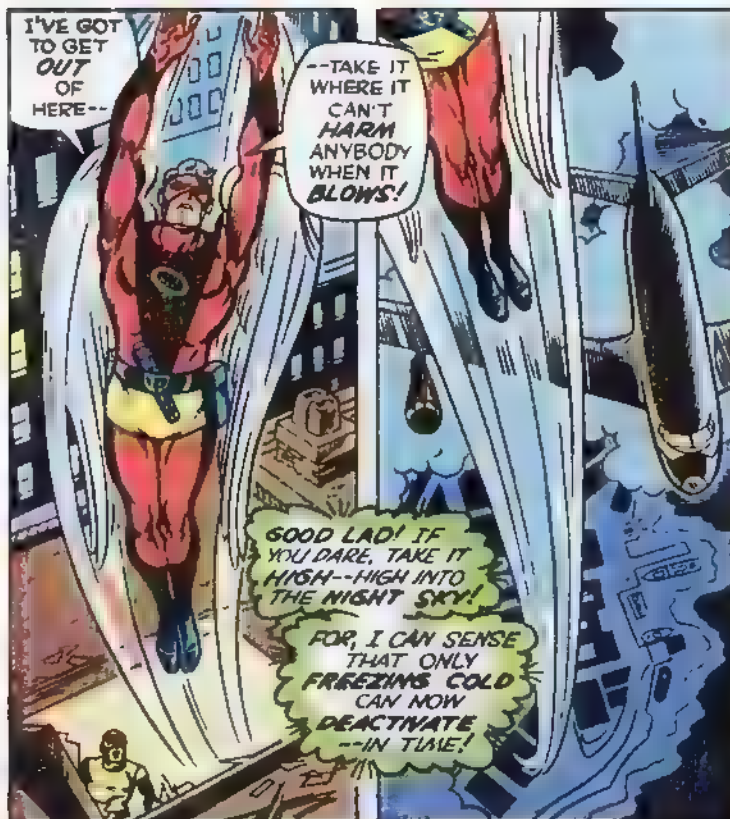
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ANYBODY
WHEN IT
BLOWS!

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YOU DARE, TAKE IT
HIGH--HIGH INTO
THE NIGHT SKY!

FOR, I CAN SENSE
THAT ONLY
FREEZING COLD
CAN NOW
DEACTIVATE
--IN TIME!



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GRAVY!

IF THAT WASN'T
A FLYING MAN
--I'M READY FOR
SENIOR CITIZENS
CITY!

MAKE ROOM
FOR ONE
MORE
TOM--

I SAW
IT TOO!



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TEMPERED FOOL
I WAS!

IF I HADN'T
SLUGGED THAT
KEMAN GUY,
HE COULD'VE
HANDLED
THE VIAL!

BUT, WHEN
HE FELL--
HE TURNED
BACK INTO A
NORMAL JOE!

AND NOW
--IT'S UP
TO ME!

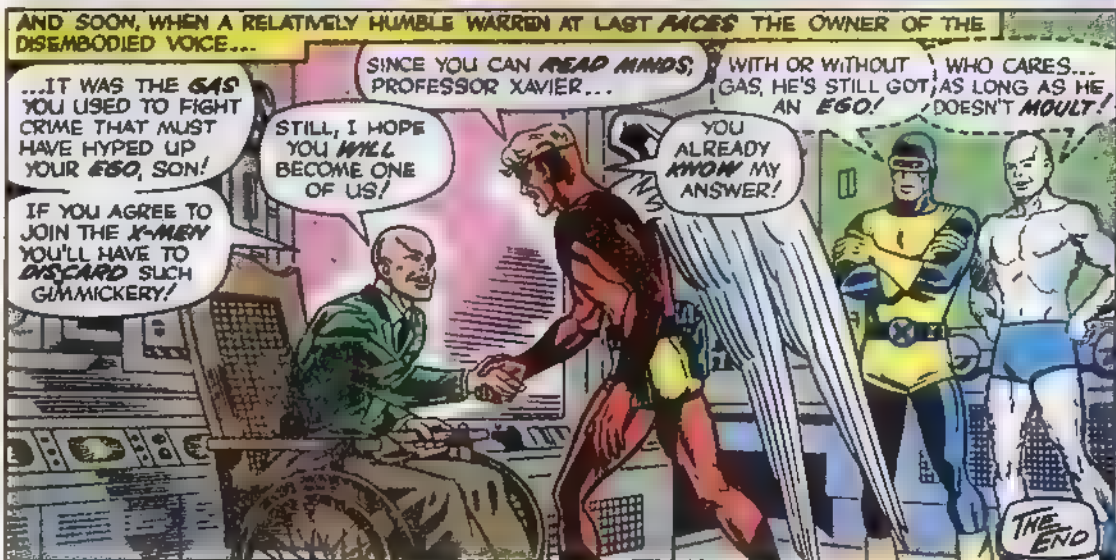
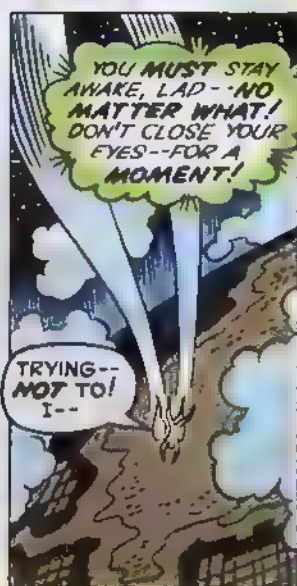


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UP HERE--SO COLD!

WHICH IS
JUST WHAT
I WANT!

IF I
CAN
SURVIVE
IT!



AWE-INSPIRING ANNOUNCEMENTS TO YAWN WITH!

ITEM! Remember the question a while back asking you to answer various questions about yourselves in order to give us a more accurate understanding of our readers? Well, here are the three U.S. Savings Bond winners, surreptitiously selected by Honest Mr. Forbush himself: (1) Warren L. Parker APO NY NY 09111 (2) David Burson San Marco Cal 92069 (3) Barry Morgenroth Ruffey N.J. 07112. Congratulations favored ones—your heroes at Marvel incidentally as you probably suspected the survey proved that the actual readership of our mixed-up Marvel mags consists of the highest percentage of adult believers ever recorded in the history of the medium! Bulpen take a bow!

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ITEM! We did it again! Yep, we've added another new little hummy to our reputation roster of stars! In other words, say hello to helphugus NEAL ADAMS, who has one foot tentatively planted in our Marvel doorway. We're guessing that your ecstatic comments, when you see the way he clues-traited our latest X-MEN bombblast, will transform him into a Marvel madman from head to toe. It isn't only his fantastic artwork that impresses us—but the way he makes it look so easy.

ITEM! GENE The Dean COLAN, one of the proud pillars of penciling proficiency upon which our little empire rests, is almost ready to tackle another new feature for us. But he hasn't yet decided which one he wants to do. So how about helping Gennal Gene gang? Which strip would you like to see him lend his awesome artistic talents to? Drop us a line, huh? If we keep him busy reading mail, maybe he'll forget to ask for another is so.

ITEM! In case you've been wondering what happened to Jaunty JIM STERANKO, we had these have no fear. Jim is working on a brand new feature which will shortly be spotlighted in MARVEL SUPERHEROES! And talk about a secret—he hasn't even told US what it is!

ITEM! Here's an announcement we make with mixed emotions. JACK RING and family are leaving New York and moving to California. In fact by the time you read this, the Ring will already be settled on the shores of the blue Pacific. But don't panic, pilgrim—he'll still be doing his bit for the Bulpen same as ever. It's just that he'll be spending most of his extra cabbage on air mail stamps rather than those king-sized cigars he loves to sport. Actually it's a terrific deal for the Great One, who certainly deserves his place in the sun, but poor ol' Stan has obligations every time he thinks of the long distance phone bills he's gonna run up each month when he calls his gannin partner to discuss their latest plots! Heoo Boy!

ITEM! Speaking of staffers who don't quite fit within walking distance of Madison Avenue, we thought you might get a kick out of knowing who lives where. So here goes. Beautiful BARRY SWITH probably gets the prize for being most far-out—and we mean literally—since he's recently strayed a goodly distance from his meow as his gaudies each month. Then in order to put that distance from the Bulpen we present Dapper DAN AUGINE, in far-off Ohio... Another! BAH!

STAN'S SOAPBOX

For many years we've been trying in our own bumbling way to illustrate that one is a far greater force a far greater power than hate. Now we don't mean you're expected to go around like a purveying Pollyanna, tossing posies at everyone who passes by, but we do want to make a point, let's consider three men: Buddha, Christ, and Moses—men of peace whose thoughts and deeds have influenced countless millions throughout the ages—and whose presence still is felt in every corner of the earth. Buddha, Christ, and Moses—men of good will, men of tolerance and especially men of love. Now consider the practitioners of hate who have sullied the pages of history. Who still venerates their words? Where is homage still paid to their memory? What banners still are raised to their cause? The power of love—and the power of hate, which is most truly enduring? When you tend to despair—let the greater sustain you. (ecstasy!)

Sunday

CALLAHER North Carolina—our pal SAL BUSCEMA Virginia—while Jaunty J. STERANKO and John J. CRAIG both have their heads. Pennsylvania—Terror TOLL SUTCH Massachusetts—JIM Madman MURPHY Connecticut—and Val and VINCE LILLITTA Jumpin' JOHNNY SEVENS and Genal GENE COLAN all nesting in New Jersey. The rest of us share the same high taxes and traffic jams in New York and Long Is. and—damn it! And we never DID find out where Menestry lives up!

Now, before cutting out, we've just gotta tell you about JOE SILEY BROODER. A few days ago he arrived at that he's stunning. Same, and the children were busy making up the Bulpen started to prepare the usual pandemonious party they throw for such momentous occasions. Then when everything was set, the Jolly One simply announced his new destination—a few flights up in the same apartment house. And he wonders why no one's spoken to him since!

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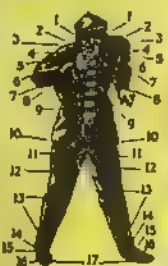
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Dear Stan, Arnold, and Barry,

First of all, congratulations on finally getting a good artist for the X-MEN. Barry Smith is really great on them as in ish #53. In that issue, I thought the first two pages were done by Jack (King) Kirby; it's very much like his style. But the rest of the mag revealed Barry's own style. Keep him there!

George D. Schoetzel, Box 24, Concordia Seminary
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Coops — looks like we goofed again, George, 'cause X-MEN #53 turned out to be our bashful Britisher's sole outing with our merry mutants. But, though Barry has moved on to DAREDEVIL, we trust that you'll not find the awesome artwork of Nefarious Neal Adams to your distaste! What say, G.D.?

Dear Stan, Arnold, and Werner,

When you started your "Origins of the X-Men", I suppose you thought that most of the fans' questions would be answered. Mine are not. In issue #39, you show Cyclops as an orphan. How did his parents die? How old was he when they died? Aside from these questions, the series was quite good. In the first installment of the Iceman origin tales, you say that the story takes place in a small town in Nassau County. Is this Nassau County in New York? The town reminds me of a small western town when the sheriff hangs someone and the whole bloodthirsty town turns out to see the big event! In my opinion, the best part of the whole series was when we were told the function of Iceman's powers. So far, the Beast series is very believable. Now, I have some questions about the X-Men as a whole group. How old are the X-Men individually? How old were they when they joined the X-Men? Since you are trying to change the X-Men bit by bit, it would be more different to have them deal with a villain who uses brains instead of brawn. All in all, since I realize that you are human and make mistakes, I think that your comic is logical, believable, and quite excellent.

M. Brogdon, 1420 Washington Ave.
Bronx, N. Y. 10456

So do we, M.B. — but then we've been told we're slightly prejudiced. We've always been a bit shy about revealing the exact ages of our mutant heroes, but suffice it to say that all except Iceman are in the 19-20 age bracket, while Bobby Drake is around 18. And now, before anyone asks how Scott's brother Alex managed to graduate from college at the ripe young age of 18 or 19, let us hasten to assure one and all that such things can happen, especially with brighter students like Alex. Under special circumstances, he could have entered as early as his 16th year, and graduated in three years by going to summer school (no pun intended). After all, that's how long it took Rascally Roy Thomas — and he isn't even a mutant (as each of his two heads keeps telling us). And yes, Nassau County is in New York — but author Gary Friedrich is from the wilds of Missouri, and a bit of down-home flavor might have crept in here and there in that Iceman origin! Excelsior!

Dear Stan, Arnold, and Jim,

I read X-MEN #51 and blew up. You kill Professor X, but the first chance you get, you bring back Magneto. If you can bring back villains, why not heroes? You could say that he was put in suspended animation, like Cap, until scientists find a cure for his disease. I implore you, beg you, plead with you, (sheesh) and if that doesn't work—**DEMAND** you bring back Professor X!

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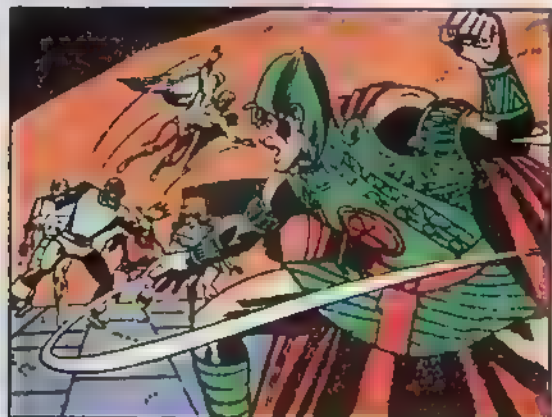
You demand it — we'd love it — but what about the cheerful undertaker who planted him away, Mike? To tell the truth, we're curious — do the hosts of Marvel-dom Assembled really want to see Professor X return to the land of the living, or is it just nostalgia for one of the most truly unique superheroes of all time? Let us know, huh?

Dear Stan, Arnold, and Werner,

In my opinion, Werner Roth is the best artist for the X-Men. The recent issue, #52, proves my point. Although his style is not as unusual as Steranko's or Colan's, it is pleasant, bright, and simple enough to achieve my ideal of artistic perfection. For me, his artwork makes the X-MEN. Now I would like to make a stab at a no-prize. Throughout X-MEN #52, Erik the Red (in reality, Cyclops) was shown emitting energy through his hands, when as every X-Fan knows, Cyclops' energy comes from his eyes. But wait! Like so many before me, I have solutions for this error. Solution 1: the costume of Cyclops harnessed his energy in some way so that it could be transmitted from another part of his body. Solution 2: you goofed!

Kent Roberts, 21 Kennedy Court
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You pays your money and you takes your choice, Kent! As for your blushin', booboo-prone Bullpen — well, if you don't know which of the two solutions above we opt for, you haven't been following us thru our last 52 ink-stained issues! 'Nuff said!



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Dear Stan, Arnold, and Jim,

I disagree with your sentiment that Lorna must stick by Magneto because he is (supposedly) her father. Nor do I see why the X-Men consider this attitude a virtue and expect it of her. ("She's got too much quality to desert even a father like that." "Filial duty . . . the girl has no option but to turn against us." "I cannot forget that his blood runs in my veins." I must defend Magneto with my very life.") Firstly, I cannot understand why she (and the X-Men) believed the unsupported statement of Magneto, to the effect that he was her father. She was a powerful mutant and would be an excellent acquisition to his army of mutants. It was written in the stars that he would attempt to persuade her to join him! Secondly, Magneto holds beliefs contrary to Lorna's ideals and those of the X-Men. He is a dangerous criminal. Though it would be a hard decision to make, she should decide to join forces with the X-Men to bring him to justice (and if necessary rationalizing her action by saying it was for "his own good"). At the least, she should remain completely neutral. Finally, Magneto is a menace to the whole world. Discounting all the above, this is the most potent factor in Lorna's decision. Should she betray one cruel man who happened to sire her, or should she betray the whole of humanity? There could be only one choice. Humanity comes first.

Greer Watson, 178 Alexandra Blvd.
Toronto 12, Ontario, Canada

And so it did, in the end, Greer . . . but not until a plethora of soul-searching! By the way, in case you feel we've left you in the lurch about luscious Lorna these past few issues, she'll be back in the action in our very next issue — and completely Magneto-less!



Dear Stan,

You asked for fans' opinions of Barry Smith's art work. Well, here's one: it's exquisite! However, there are a few things I think would improve it. He should decrease the size of the margins between the panels, as those quarter inch jobs of his sort of make it hard to look at the art itself; they're distracting. He should, as he now does, keep his panels large. He seems very adept at drawing large faces, hands and so on. But a little more variety in the shape of said panels — if you please! Anything else? Oh yes — he should concentrate on backgrounds and facial expression a bit more. I hate to say this, but there were too many panels with lifeless faces and one color backgrounds. He has an excellent command of perspective, consistently good (and sometimes great!) positioning, and draws large and imaginatively. He is purely an action artist — and I can think of nothing more suitable than CAPTAIN AMERICA in King Kirby's absence. And to think, this was only his first job! He's going to be one of the great ones — in less time than you think!

John Bonhomme, 429 Dumont Ave.
Brooklyn, N. Y. 11212

And all the way from merry old England, too — to which Barry and his cavortin' crony Steve Parkhouse (co-author of the recent Ka-Zar 'epic) have returned after a brief stay in the U.S.A.! But don't worry . . . we won't dare deprive you frantic ones of Barry's art and an occasional script by Mr. P, even if we have to keep honest Irv Forbush shuttling back and forth 'twixt New York and London! (Which, come to think of it, might just be the best way to keep him out of Smiley's hair!)



Dear Stan, Arnold, and Jim,

Upon the subject of the X-Men, I quit kidding. I've read letters of persons who don't like Steranko doing the X-Men. Well, to them, I'll use a single copy to prove my point. From your closet, retract X-MEN #51. Look at the cover — the color, the art, all stand out in excellency! Now, to the front page — is there any other way to title a story? Arnold Drake is a master of words, but it takes Steranko to put the perfect art to complement them. Look at page 3 and the last panel. Absorb the sheer power of Cyclops' fist and the beautiful follow-up on the following page. Skip to page 7. Only Steranko could bring out the sheer power in the drawing of Cyclops with clenched teeth. I wonder if Sam Rosen lettered the "Crzzz!" of sheer power emitted from Cyclops on page 8. The X-Men are powerful, and more than this, once Jim Steranko does the art, John Tartaglione is an efficient inker. Mutants are still human to some degree. Although I am in no position to back up that statement, I'll still hold to it. Now, I'll bet someone will use my tactics and say, "Look on page 11, see Cyclops bring down the roof, is that human?" In this case I'd lose, but if you will refer to page 13, you'll see Bobby and Scott in a small argument. Oh, did I say small? An argument involving love and emotions can't bespeak android qualities, yet Bobby and Scott employ them. I rest my case, and I remain yours truly.

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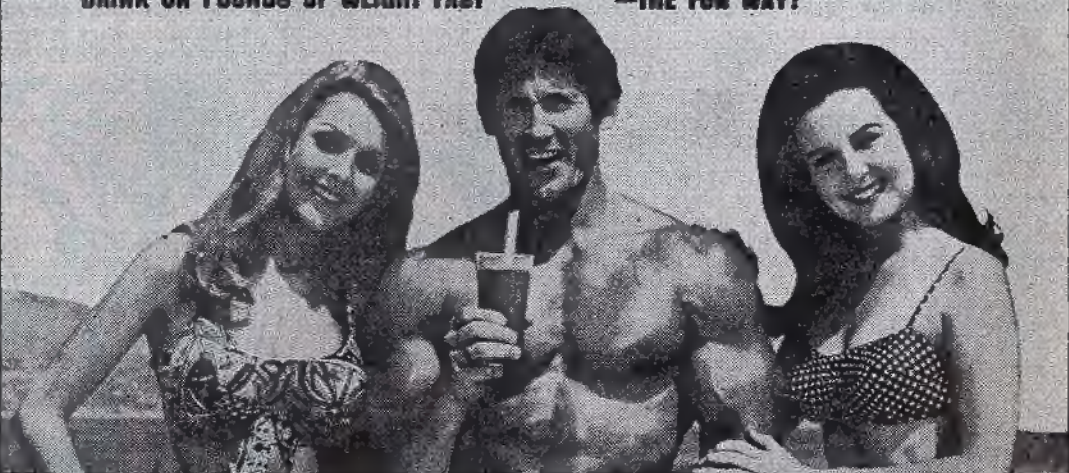
Jim thanks you . . . Arnold thanks you . . . and from the boundless depths of Brooklyn, slammin' Sammy Rosen sent his regards and said, "Crzzz!"

NEXT **THE SENTINELS LIVE!**

Tired of Being 'SKINNY'?

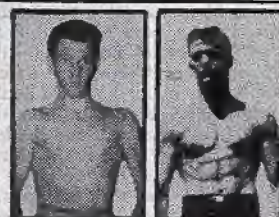
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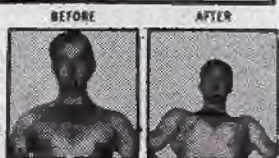
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BEFORE

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Some of the people the Famous Artists have helped

Carl Kock was an 18-year-old apprentice in a Chicago art studio when he enrolled. Today he prepares ads for such companies as General Motors and Firestone—has won five gold medals.

Howard Sanden of Minneapolis took the Course while still in high school. He is now a successful artist—recently he and his wife traveled through Europe and the Middle East on important art assignments.

Paul Sullivan enrolled at 14. His Famous Artists training helped him work his way through college.

Kathleen Gironda of Indiana, Pennsylvania, was an 18-year-old salesgirl in a department store. She still works for a department store, but now it's as an advertising artist and fashion illustrator.

Before his Famous Artists training, Anthony Fotia was a mail clerk, "stuck" in a low-pay routine job. Today, he's an artist for an important printing firm, doing exciting creative work.

Oregon housewife Helen Tryk lives 150 miles from the nearest big city. But she does fashion illustration, has her own studio, runs an art work shop, does portraits.

A plan to help others

It started over 18 years ago when a group of America's most successful artists—men like Albert Dorne, Norman Rockwell, Jon Whitcomb, Al Parker and Stevan Dohanos—met in New York City. They knew that all over America there were people who liked to draw who could be turned into good artists. Albert Dorne asked, "Why can't we give these people the

Founding Faculty of the Famous Artists School

Norman Rockwell	Fred Ludekens
Jon Whitcomb	Ben Stahl
Al Parker	Robert Fawcett
Stevan Dohanos	Austin Briggs
George Giusti	Harold Von Schmidt
Peter Helck	Albert Dorne

training they need—including all the trade secrets and know-how we've learned over the years?"

He suggested a new kind of art school—a home study art school—that would give talented people the best professional art training, no matter where they live.

The famous artists agreed. Taking time from their busy careers, they created a remarkable series of art lessons covering every aspect of drawing and painting. They illustrated their lessons with over 5,000 "here's-how" illustrations. The lessons start from scratch and cover every skill a top artist needs. Finally, they developed a wonderful way to give each student personal correction and advice all through his training.

The famous artists with the School are not surprised at the success of their students. The opportunities open to successful artists today are enormous. The School continually gets calls from all over the country asking for practical well-trained students—not geniuses—who can step into full-time or part-time art jobs. And practical, thorough training is what the School offers.

Famous Artists Talent Test

To find others with art talent worth developing, the Famous Artists created a 12-page Talent Test. Thousands paid to take this test, but now the School offers and grades it free. Men and women who do well on the test—or offer other sufficient evidence of art talent—may enroll in the School. But there's no obligation. Simply mail the coupon below.

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